

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON
 Illinois Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program Board
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 July 9th, 2020

Quorum: a present majority of R3PB member positions determines a quorum (i.e. 17 member positions represented)				
Member		Attendance		
EX-OFFICIO	OFFICE	IN PERSON	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton	Office of the Lt. Governor		x	
Sharisse Kimbro (designated by Attorney General Kwame Raoul)	Office of the Attorney General		x	
Michael Negron (designated by Director Erin Guthrie)	IL Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity			x
Director Ngozi Ezike	IL Dept. of Public Health		x	
Director Rob Jeffreys	IL Dept. of Corrections		x	
Director Heidi Mueller	IL Dept. of Juvenile Justice		x	
Dagene Brown (designated by Director Marc Smith) both present	IL Dept. of Children and Family Services		x	
Director Jason Stamps	Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority		x	
Jeffery Shapiro (designated by Director Gustavo Giraldo)	IL Dept. of Employment Security		x	
Director Grace Hou	IL Dept. of Human Services		x	
Senator Kimberly Lightford	Majority Senate			x
Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth	Majority House		x	
Senator Jason Barickman	Minority Senate			x
Representative Lindsay Parkhurst	Minority House			x
ELECTED OFFICIALS		IN PERSON	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Mayor of Kankakee, Chasity Wells-Armstrong			x	
Mayor of Rockford, Tom McNamara			x	
Mayor of Champaign, Deborah Frank Feinen			x	
Mayor of Aurora, Richard Irvin			x	

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Mayor of Chokia, Curtis McCall, Jr.			x
City Clerk of Chicago, Anna Valencia		x	
Aldersperson Susan Sadlowski Garza		x	
Aldersperson Michael Scott, Jr.		x	
COMMUNITY PROVIDERS	IN PERSON	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Sylvia Puente			x
Jalon Arthur			x
Vacant			
Vacant			
EXPERTS IN VIOLENCE REDUCTION	IN PERSON	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Vacant			x
Kathryn Bocanegra		x	
FORMERLY INCARCERATED — OVER 24 YEARS OF AGE	IN PERSON	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Bethany Little		x	
Orlando Mayorga		x	
FORMERLY INCARCERATED — 17-24 YEARS OF AGE	IN PERSON	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Vacant			
Vacant			

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order at 11:02AM
- b. Roll was taken and quorum was established

II. Approval of Agenda for 07/09/2020 and Approval of Minutes from 04/28/2020

- a. Approval of Agenda for 07/09/2020
 - i. Moved by Aldersperson Sadlowski Garza
 - ii. Seconded by Aldersperson Scott
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions
- b. Approval of Amended Minutes from 04/28/2020
 - i. Moved by Sharisse Kimbro
 - ii. Seconded by Acting Director Stamps
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions

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III. Chairperson's Remarks

a. Lt. Governor Stratton

- i. Highlighted recent incidents of gun violence in Illinois
- ii. Discussed the need to get at the root cause of systemic problems in Black and Brown communities — disinvestment
- iii. Emphasized the importance of funding made available at the local level to communities and people in need
- iv. Reminded R3PB members to complete their annual trainings and onboarding paperwork
- v. Made R3PB members aware that bylaws to govern the board are being drafted for review at the next regular board meeting

IV. New Business

a. Introduction of new board members (only present members listed)

- i. Mayor of Kankakee, Chasity Wells-Armstrong
- ii. Mayor of Rockford, Tom McNamara
- iii. Mayor of Champaign, Deborah Frank Feinen
- iv. Mayor of Aurora, Richard Irvin
- v. City Clerk of Chicago, Anna Valencia
- vi. Alderperson Susan Sadlowski Garza
- vii. Alderperson Michael Scott, Jr.
- viii. Kathy Bocanegra
- ix. Bethany Little
- x. Orlando Mayorga

b. Grant application process update

i. Acting Director Stamps

1. The Notice of Funding Opportunity went live
2. Applicants were first asked, but not required, to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply for funding
3. Over 100 applicants submitted NOIs for strategic planning funds, and over 300 applicants submitted NOIs for direct service funds. That's over 400 NOIs together
4. ICJIA needs R3PB and the Office of the Lt. Governor to share with their networks the link ICJIA has set up for application reviewers to help with the application review process
 - a. Much support is needed to ensure applications are reviewed in a timely manner, thus ensuring applicants can begin to receive funds as early as possible
5. ICJIA has maintained a FAQs page on their website for residents and entities, which includes over 200 unique questions to help with the application process. ICJIA will keep updating the FAQs page through July 16th, with the application deadline being July 20th

ii. Kathryn Bocanegra

1. Will there be training or feedback for applicants that receive no funding?

iii. Acting Director Stamps

1. No, but ICJIA has put in the effort to provide trainings to folks leading up to the submission deadline to ensure they have as much information and assistance upfront

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iv. Lt. Governor Stratton

1. R3P (“R3 Program”) should push to help ensure organizations are GATA compliant
2. Acting Director stamps, can you talk about the process to ensure that over 400 applicants submitted NOIs?

v. Acting Director Stamps

1. Credit first goes to R3PB (“R3 Program Board”) and the Illinois General Assembly. Additionally, there has been a lot of social media outreach and town halls to help raise awareness and ensure entities received technical training as needed

vi. Lt. Governor Stratton

1. As Acting Director Stamps mentioned, it is important to now ensure there is capacity among application reviewers to review applications appropriately, giving each application the time and thoughtfulness it deserves

c. Program evaluation update

i. Acting Director Stamps

1. The program evaluation process is moving forward
2. We want to measure R3P’s success by looking at the issue areas specifically outlined in the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, and ensuring the work of the program has mitigating impacts in those areas
3. We also want to know what the impact of funding is for grantees and the communities they serve
4. Limitations include: accounting for external influencers in program evaluation as communities do not provide controlled settings; we cannot draw a causal relationship, only correlative relationship; metrics for entire communities may not appropriately reflect the usefulness of funding to those people serviced by a specific grantee; we cannot work with all community organizations in R3 eligible areas, so it will be difficult to get comparative data from non -partner organizations
5. As we develop our evaluation strategy, we will look to utilize available resources to hire an external evaluator, ensuring that we add some additional validity to the process

ii. Quinn Rallins

1. We should conduct a geographic analysis of NOI and applicant data to ensure R3PB understands where applicants are coming from and how many applicants look to serve each R3 eligible area

iii. Alderperson Sadlowski Garza

1. If we can determine the geographic distribution of applications before July 20th and then be able to re-push the NOFO in gap areas, that would be good

iv. Lt. Governor Stratton

1. Yes. Once we see application data, we’ll know where geographic gaps exist and we can be intentional about using our data to ensure we close those gaps as we continue our work

v. Alderperson Scott

1. When will the next round of NOFOs go out?

vi. Acting Director Stamps

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1. That will be determined by R3PB. R3PB will need to reconvene once we have information from the first round of applications to determine the next NOFO date

vii. Charise Williams

1. Outreach update:
 - a. We're hosting our last community town hall on Tuesday, July 14th at 2PM. The point is to reach areas outside of Cook County as previous town halls focused on Cook County
 - b. ICJIA will send out information about this next week for R3PB to share with their networks
 - c. On June 16th, I reached out to Chicago's alderpersons and provided them with information about the R3 NOFO for sharing with their communities
 - d. ICJIA hosted two live R3P funding information sessions where we walked through the application with folks live. This video is still live on the R3 website

V. Member Updates

a. Quinn Rallins, speaking on behalf of Representative Gordon Booth in this instance

- i. The Illinois Legislative Black Caucus' leadership was essential to the outreach of the R3 grant funding
- ii. A briefing session was held for the community and led by the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus, Leader Gordon-Booth, Leader Lightford, Representative West, and Senator Sims
- iii. Many organizations that serve Black and Brown communities joined the virtual event and I had the chance to debrief these groups and inform them of the equity components to the R3 Program

b. Lt. Governor Stratton

- i. The Illinois Legislative Black Caucus' leadership, Leader Gordon-Booth, and Leader Lightford have been instrumental in helping to lead R3PB's work and the work of this program

VI. Public Comments

- a. No public comments

VII. Adjournment

- a. Moved by Acting Director Stamps at 12:05AM
- b. Seconded by Alderperson Scott
- c. All in favor
- d. No opposition
- e. No abstentions